

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 05/15/18 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT,
RHINELANDER, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: JENSEN/ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD, COOPER/SECRETARY, KEMNITZ/WISDOT, GAUTHIER/RHINELANDER POLICE DEPT, JOHNSON/WISC STATE PATROL, ELLENBECKER/RHINELANDER HIGHSCHOOL DRIVER'S ED, ENGLAND/NICOLET COLLEGE, McELDOWNEY/LLEGAL, MATHEIN/ONEIDA COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Jensen called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. **Motion:** McEldowney/Gauthier to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Jensen/Cooper to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Oneida County crash data. Oneida County grader working on Highway 8 was hit from behind this morning. Vehicle driver and grader operator only had minor injuries. Everyone on scene said it was a miracle the vehicle operator was not seriously injured. No fatalities reported since the last meeting. The 2 fatalities so far this year, neither driver was wearing seat belts. Mathein reported he was investigating 3 recent deaths that were a result of vehicle accidents from many years ago. Two were from 30 years ago. As of May 10th, Oneida County shows 279 crashes so far this year. WisDOT does a minimum of 5 years assessment to get crash data. The majority of crashes are caused by the drivers, and not the roadway environment.
5. Community Maps review and updates. The public search tab now has the ability to include or exclude car/deer crashes. The advanced features a new Date calendar. Advance tab also has the "Teen Driver Flag" which shows crashes involving drivers 16-19 years of age. Law Enforcement must use the TLT (TraCS Location Tool) to report the crash or it is not mapped; not all do.
6. The Recreation Rodeo was held at the Crescent School last Friday. Kirby and Cooper attended and handed out reflective vests and slap bracelets to all the third graders in the area. Five different schools attended. The kids were very excited to receive their gifts.
7. 2018 Budget Items. Cooper received quotes on reflective vests and slap bracelets. **Motion:** Jensen/Mathein to purchase reflective slap bracelets and vests, not to exceed \$1,900. All ayes.
8. WisDOT Highway Safety Reports. Final Year-End Crash Statistics in for 2016. Comparisons for the last 6 years. 524 fatalities in 2016 compared with the 6 year average of 501. Click it or Ticket mobilization is May 21 to June 3rd. Governor's Conference on Highway Safety is August 21-23rd. Annual Law Enforcement Luncheon August 23rd at noon.
9. WisDOT construction updates. Currently three active projects. In Oneida; USH 51 in Oneida/Vilas Counties; 3rd Avenue to Tuckaway Drive reconstruct. Project will carry over into 2019. WisDOT North Central Region spends \$34 million on road projects annually. They are managing 46 construction projects in 2018. 33 are located on WIS/US Highways. 10 are on County and local roads. 3 are on trail systems.
10. County construction updates. A state project on the north end of Highway Y from S. Garth Lake Rd to USH 51; over 4.5 miles on long County B in Schoepke; over 3.3 miles on Highway D from STH 17 west to the Chain Lake Bridge; and a portion of County A going into Three Lakes.
11. Public Comments: Kemnitz mentioned that since ACT 87 his department is receiving requests to lower speed limits on state highways for ATV's. All such requests must come from a municipality where the State Highway exists; not an ATV club. Speed studies will only be initiated if a valid safety need exists. Route connectivity is required.
12. Future meeting dates: August 28th (not 21st), 2018 and November 20th, 2018. All meetings are at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop.
13. **Motion:** Kemnitz/Gauthier to adjourn at 1:25 p.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson